

Appln. No. 09/926,086

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**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Guy AZAM et al.)
) Group Art Unit 3765
Appln. No. : 09/926,086)
) Examiner James G. SMITH
I.A. Filed : December 22, 2000)
) Confirmation No. 3803
For : LACE-UP TIGHTENING DEVICE FOR)
) AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR, AND AN)
) ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR EQUIPPED)
) WITH SUCH DEVICE)

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants herewith reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated March 12, 2004, for which a one-month period for reply is set.

This reply is intended to correct and to supplement the reply filed by Applicants on February 12, 2004.

First, the amendment to the claims, below, which includes corrected claim identifiers for claims 49-53, is to replace the amendment filed by Applicants on February 23, 2004, which gave rise to the notice.

Second, this reply is to supplement Applicants' reply of February 23, 2004 inasmuch as the terminal disclaimer filed with Applicants' earlier reply, and the check for payment of the terminal disclaimer and additional claims, is intended to be used together with this reply to constitute a responsive reply to the Office action of November 21, 2003.

Upon entry of this reply, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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In re application : **GAZAM et al.**Attorney Docket No. P21314
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in the above-captioned application.

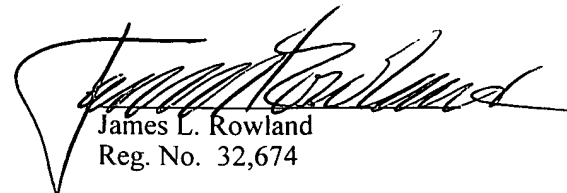
☐ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.☐ A Request for Extension of Time.☒ No Additional Fee.

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Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
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Total Claims: 46	*46	0	x 9=	\$	x 18=	\$0.00
Indep. Claims: 7	**7	0	x 42=	\$	x 84=	\$0.00
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